

REMARKS

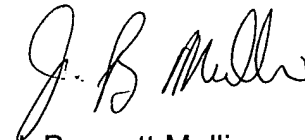
Claims 42-44 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention of prior claims 38-40 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,613,952. Applicant respectfully submits by way of the above amendment, the independent claim 42 now traverses this rejection.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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